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underneath it is the picture of the one who probably is more pathogenic than the E. coli, pathogen. I'm being gentle with this person. He has tremendous power that he is terribly misusing. If he were some little, rag-tag lawyer out there, messing up his clients, I'd just file a complaint. This man is in a position where he's got to suffer consequences for the wrong that he does. I have gone just about as far afield as I ever have this morning, but I'm grateful for the opportunity. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are all tolerant this morning. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Brown, Senator Bromm, Senator Landis, and Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Now I forgot what I was going to say. (Laugh.) I rise to support the motion to suspend the rules. I think it's something that we should do, and I endorse that. I have felt that way since we got into the issue, back as early as December, I just wanted to make that note. I actually would have preferred the amendment that we had the other day, the Wickersham and Kristensen amendment, on the bill, but it is not. I still will support LB 149. I do recognize and I assume the body does recognize the time may come and there will have to be some decisions made on that, that time will come. I think if we would have had the amendments on we could have prepared ourselves, perhaps, a little better for the future, if it had been on. But that decision can be made in the future, if it is needed to reduce that funding. But, for this point, I do think 149 should go through, it should have the E clause, it should be passed, and we should move through that issue to the next ones. I hadn't thought so much about commenting on what Senator Brashear said, but I do believe he has a point. We do have some major policy issues in this state that probably needed to be debated by us all. And I don't have any specific reference to any particularly, but I think that there's some things that we all have interest in, and lo and behold I also think there's some cross-interest, in other words we have some mutual interest in more areas than we know about. Debate is the way we arrive at some of that, and I think it ought to be something to think about.